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### Base to hold 50th Anniversary reveille and retreat ceremonies

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**KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.** – Kirtland will host reveille and retreat ceremonies to mark the Air Force's 50th Anniversary tomorrow at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. respectively, at Hardin Field.

Reveille is the signal for the start of the official duty day. Usually, the ceremony accompanies the raising of the flag. A full contingent of squadrons from the base will take part in the reveille ceremony.

Retreat serves a two-fold purpose. It signals the end of the official duty day and serves as a ceremony for paying respect to the U.S. flag.

Tomorrow marks the Air Force's 50th birthday. On Sept. 18, 1947, the Air Force became an independent service with a status coequal with the Army and Navy. Before then, the Air Force was known as the U.S. Army Air Corps.

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**Note to editors:** For more information, contact Senior Airman Paul Gritton, (505) 846-4238/5991. Media interested in covering the ceremony should report to Wyoming gate and proceed south to G Street. Turn left and you're facing Hardin Field.

